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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Cloudy with rain showers
NE winds @ 12-25 knots
High: 86 Low: 73

WINDY

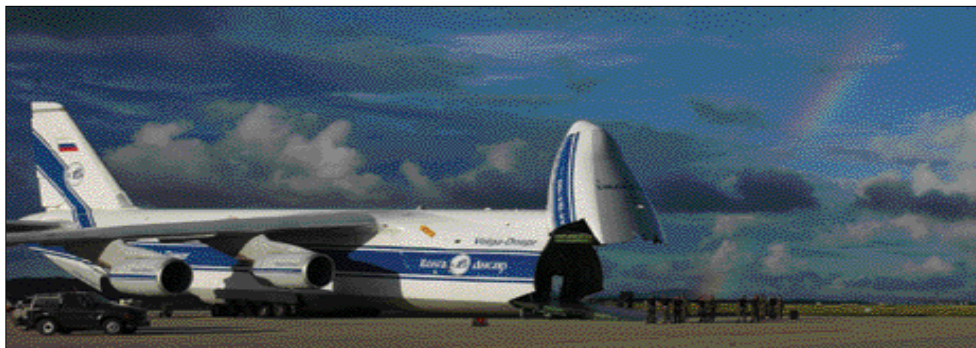
WINDY

SATURDAY: Cloudy with rain showers
N winds @ 12-20 knots
High: 86 Low: 73

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy with some rain showers
NE winds @ 12-18 knots
High: 84 Low: 73

**FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITY BANK
EXCHANGE RATES**
BUYING: \$1-Y112 SELLING: Y117-\$1

Kadena Airmen deploy for Cope Thunder



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell

Kadena Airmen and contractors help load three HH-60 Pavehawk helicopters and 30,000 pounds of support equipment onto a Russian Antonov AN-124 cargo aircraft Oct. 6. The cavernous AN-124 airlifted the Kadena assets to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, to support Cope Thunder 2006. The exercise will test Airmen's skills in air-to-air and air-to-ground combat, combat support missions, and use a variety of aircraft including the 33rd Rescue Squadron Pavehawks and 909th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 Stratotankers.



Compiled from staff reports

More than 125 Kadena Airmen packed up their mobility bags and headed to Alaskan air bases last week to participate in Cope Thunder 2006.

Four of Kadena's HH-60 Pavehawks from the 33rd Rescue Squadron and four KC-135 Stratotankers from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron were deployed along with aircrews, maintainers and pararescuemen.

The exercise, which continues until Oct. 21, is Pacific Air Forces' largest air combat training exercise with more than 1,000 active-duty and Air National Guard Airmen and more than 85 aircraft.

This year's exercise features large-force employment training as well as close-air support, combat search and rescue, time-sensitive targeting, and B-1B Lancer missions from overseas and continental U.S. locations, said Lt. Col. Eddie Osteen, 353rd Combat Training Squadron director of operations at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Chief Kenney nominated for Eielson's command chief position

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

One of Kadena's chief master sergeants leaves Monday to become the command chief master sergeant at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Kenney, commandant of Kadena's Erwin Professional Military Education Center, said he's honored to just be considered for the job.

"I'm excited at the opportunity to work for the men and women stationed at Eielson," said the 25-year Air Force veteran. "I'm ready to earn and keep their trust."

The former intelligence Airman said becoming a command chief was the last thing he thought of more than 20 years ago when his first enlistment was ready to expire.

"I was going to get out after my first enlistment," he said. "But my crusty supervisor really pushed me hard and changed my mind."

Chief Kenney, who carries a crumpled pocket-sized version of Air Force Instruction 36-2618, "The Enlisted Force Structure," in his battle dress uniform, said the key for Airmen bent on making it to command chief is to follow three simple principles: be good at what you do, get an education and work with the local community.

See CHIEF, Page 4

AF leaders stress importance of completing Climate Survey

Compiled from staff reports

Kadena Airmen have the power to shape the Air Force of the future through the online 2005 Air Force Climate Survey.

"This survey will help us ensure we are taking care of our most important asset — our people," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "We have used the most advanced information-masking reporting software available to ensure your identity will be protected. The questions in the survey itself are intentionally hard-hitting, and I fully expect your direct, honest and candid feedback."

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The Air Force Climate Survey is available online and can be accessed from work or at home through Nov. 23 at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>.

active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard Airmen and both appropriated and nonappropriated funded civilians. The identities of participants are protected and every response is reviewed for consideration.

In past surveys, respondents have pro-

vided feedback on issues that affect their organizations' ability to perform the mission, such as resources, training and development, and unit flexibility. This year, respondents are being asked to provide feedback on their immediate supervisor's

"enduring competencies."

General Moseley said the Air Force's enduring competencies are the personal, managerial and leadership qualities that should be common to all Air Force members. These results will provide senior leaders with a valuable baseline of the competencies used for force development.

"I ask commanders and first sergeants to encourage each and every one of their Airmen to participate in this year's survey," said Lt. Col. Angel Olivares, 18th Mission Support Squadron commander. "The Air Force Climate Survey is a chance for all Airmen, at all levels, to tell it like it is."

Report compiled from Air Force News Service

Kadena Town holds 400-Year Anniversary Festival this weekend, see page 3



Nobody's Perfect

33rd RQS commander: It's important to learn from one's mistakes

By Lt. Col Gary Henderson
33rd Rescue Squadron commander

It's a cliché we use all the time, from trying to ease the disappointment of a soccer goalie that just let an easy ball roll through, to describing a friend who completely forgot to meet you at the beach.

It is a fact of life that we all make mistakes. What really sets people apart is how they react after making an error, and whether they learn or are "doomed to repeat history."

I freely admit that I make my share of mistakes, and I try to learn as much as I can so that I don't do the same things again. One of the biggest mistakes I made in my career was failing to fully correct a peer who was regularly stepping "outside the realm" during a deployment. He was blatantly disregarding regulations and directives. I tried several times to demonstrate the proper methods and show him how we could still accomplish the mission within the given constraints. He never took the hints, and I did not take it up the chain of command for further action. I guess I didn't want to "rat him out" because he was a "good guy." I

am convinced this decision and lack of action contributed to a significant event for this individual, his coworkers and the Air Force.

Shortly after returning from the deployment, this helicopter pilot flying with a crew of three others crashed into the desert - the helicopter slid on its side for almost 100 yards.

Luckily, no one was killed or seriously injured, just shaken up and scared. To this day I feel partially responsible for that multi-million dollar crash by letting the situation continue instead of stopping it in its tracks.

I ask myself, "If I would have done more, would it have prevented the crash?" I'll never know the answer to that question. But I can guarantee that if I had the opportunity to go back, I would do the difficult (but right) thing in a New York minute.

Fortunately this crash was not just swept under the rug and forgotten. Several very insightful people took the situation leading to the crash and made major operation changes. They didn't just slap on arbitrary restrictions as a knee-jerk reaction, but actually researched and identi-

fied several limitations that were not common knowledge. With courage and conviction, they turned a bad situation into a positive change in the Air Force. Today I see the results of their hard work in our young aviators, who have never heard of this accident, but use the improved procedures and knowledge to fully employ the capabilities of the helicopter.

As I said in the beginning, we all make mistakes. Though I am not proud of my actions before the crash, by embracing and advocating the changes it brought about, I hope I have been able to prevent another occurrence.

I also vowed never to "walk by a problem" without doing something, or asking for help from others to positively solve it. The next time you see something you know is wrong, no matter who is making the mistake, I challenge you to do that person a favor and make the correction. It may hurt their feelings for a short time, but it could end up saving their life in the future.

Learn from my mistake and prevent history repeating itself. We owe it to our families, friends and the Air Force. I salute your courage.

ACTION LINE

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Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jous
18th Wing commander
and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name

Grass cutting

I've had a concern for some time now. When local contractors are cutting grass on base, there is always at least one person with a leaf blower cleaning up the trimmings. I've witnessed two occasions on the same day where it seems to me that the job was either done incorrectly or unnecessarily.

While I was driving on Douglas Ave. toward the Risner Gym, there was a contractor blowing the grass from the sidewalk onto the road, and the road was covered in grass. Why is the Air

Force paying for this? If the concern is to clear up the trimmings, why are they blowing it around instead of picking it up?

The second incident happened while I was running on the track. There was a man blowing grass around in one area for the entire time I was running, and when he left, the grass was still there, just spread out all over the track.

Another complaint is this, when cars drive past (and it has happened to me) the contractors don't even slow down or stop cutting. I have had wet grass flung all over my car, and in some cases, blown into my window. Off base, there are simple barriers put up to keep flying objects from hitting cars, can the base start doing that too?

Thanks for your feedback -- it's good to know that Team Kadena members keep safety in mind and are watchful for fraud, waste and abuse. You've pointed out some areas where our grounds contractor needs to improve. Though our contract does not require that clippings be removed from grassy areas, it does require that they be removed from paved areas like roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks. Typically a blower is used to move the grass clippings to the roadside curb for consolidation and easier pick up; they shouldn't simply be

blown into the street. The contractor is also required to remove the grass clippings from the running track surface, but is allowed to put them into the grassy areas around the track. Because of your action line we instructed the civil engineer contract manager to reinforce his Quality Control Program and ensure that the work is performed in accordance with the terms of the contract.

You also raised some very good points about safety. The contractor has been instructed to reinforce safety guidelines during his daily employee briefings in order to safeguard installation personnel and property. The barriers you observed off-base are there for different reasons. Their purpose is to completely block off lanes and separate traffic for the safety of the work crews. At this time that level of effort is not required for our grounds maintenance personnel. Your point here is well taken and everyone should understand that mowing and weeding can potentially be dangerous, and that we need to be cautious and give grounds maintenance workers extra room to perform their duties.

If you or anyone else have any additional grounds maintenance concerns, you may call them in to the CE customer service desk at 634-2424. Thanks again for your E-mail.



It has been...

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since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.
60 days = 18th Wing 'Down Day'



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SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Kenyetta Williams

18th Mission Support Squadron, NCO-in-charge of Air Expeditionary Force contingency planning
Hometown: Tampa, Fla.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Williams has been an outstanding warrior supporting more than 7,200 service-members in Pacific Air Forces' heaviest tasked personnel readiness unit.

Time at Kadena: 2 years, 10 months

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know -- Approximately one out of every 130 licensed drivers in the United States is arrested for drunken driving every year. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 634-2233.

JAPANESE CENSUS: The Japanese government initiated a national census on Oct. 1, which excludes members of the U.S. armed forces, civilian component and family members as defined in the Status of Forces Agreement. However, census takers may still visit military members residing off-base. SOFA members visited by census takers must show identification cards to be distinguished from persons subject to the national census.

OPEN FIREHOUSE: The Kadena fire department will host an open house at its headquarters, Building 3489, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to wrap up Fire Prevention Week. For more information, call 634-4500.

SWEET POTATO FESTIVAL: A festival celebrating the 400th anniversary of the achievements of Superintendent Noguni—who brought the sweet potato from China to Okinawa in 1605—will be held Saturday and Sunday at Kaneku Seaside Park, near Kadena Marina, in Kadena Town. Some of the activities include a parade, sumo wrestling, food booths, a sweet potato digging contest and, at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, a fireworks display.

PHARMACY CLOSURE: The Camp Lester Naval Hospital will fill only emergency prescriptions Saturday due to a computer system upgrade. Refills will not be available. Regular services will resume Sunday.

EQUAL LISTING RELEASED: The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for Airmen returning from overseas and continental United States mandatory movers for February to April 2006 has been released. Airmen need to work through their commander's support staff to update their preferences by Oct. 27. Deployed Airmen or those on temporary duty assignments can contact the nearest personnel office for assistance. Airmen will be notified of their selection no later

Promoting domestic violence awareness



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Jeremy McGuffin
Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, signs a proclamation Sept. 30 supporting domestic violence prevention as Maj. Samantha Blanchard, chief of the Family Support Center, and Emeline Hastings and Sandra Liotti from the Joint Services Domestic Shelter, look on. October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

than Nov. 15, Air Force Personnel Center officials said. EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by specialty and rank. Airmen should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list, officials said. People can view the lists by going to the AFPC home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and then logging into the Assignment Management System, or by visiting the MPF at Building 721.

COMPTROLLERS MEETING: The Okinawa Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its next meeting Oct. 27 at the Kadena Officers Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Torii room. A no-host buffet lunch is available. Call 634-8272 for more information.

DRMO SALE: The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office will hold a local sealed bid sale at Camp Kinser's Building 600 Nov. 17. Local sealed bids are open to all.

For more information, call 637-3707 or 637-4323.

SEXUAL ASSAULT HELPLINE: Sexual assault victims can report crimes in two manners -- restricted reporting (confidential) or unrestricted reporting (investigation begins immediately) to the sexual assault response coordinator by calling 634-SARC.

HOLIDAY MAILING DEADLINES: Below are the Christmas holiday mailing deadlines:

- Space available mail, Nov. 19
- Priority mail, Nov. 26
- First class letters/cards, Dec. 3
- Express mail, Dec. 14

KADENA VETERINARY HOURS: The Kadena Veterinary Service clinic has changed its hours of operation to the following:

- Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m. (no appointments)
- Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon

The clinic closes for inventory on the last weekday of each month.

SECURITY/POLICY REVIEW: Any job-related articles or other documents, or photographs, submitted by military members to publishers for public release must be first reviewed by the supporting public affairs office. The intent is to ensure material sent for publishing by external magazines, books, public Web pages, etc., complies with Air Force, Department of Defense and U.S. Government policy. For more information, contact 18th Wing Public Affairs at 634-1509.

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN: Retiring servicemembers who need to build an estate to protect their families from the loss of retirement benefits if they die can use the SBP as an option. For more information on the SBP, call Glenn Rucker at 634-3228.

PCS WEBSITE: The Air Force Move Web site "People First" recently expanded its services. Besides the vast personal property links, travelers now have access to a passenger directory to assist with locating the nearest transportation office. A ground transportation locator was added to aid in finding local transportation between the installation and nearest commercial airport. Additionally, a kennel locator was developed to assist customers traveling with pets. Other links are also available to enhance the travelers' overall moving experience.

KOREA INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Recent policy changes to the Korea Assignment Incentive Pay program allow Airmen to apply for the program before or after their arrival in South Korea. The program authorizes \$300 monthly payments to Airmen who sign a written agreement to serve the prescribed tour length in South Korea plus an additional 12 months. If eligible, Airmen may still request one of the following extension programs: the Overseas Tour Extension Incentive Program; an In-place Consecutive Overseas Tour; a subsequent DEROS extension; or another KAIP tour for the same tour length. For more information, Airmen can visit the Air Force Personnel Center's assignment procedures Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/procedures.

A warm welcome home



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Jeremy McGuffin
Lt. Col. Eric Axelbank, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, welcomes home Master Sgt. David Doherty during the 18th LRS welcome home picnic Oct. 7. The squadron organized the picnic to welcome more than 100 Airmen back from recent deployments. Sergeant Doherty returned in September after spending just over four months deployed with the 447th Air Expeditionary Group, Baghdad, Iraq.

Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

□ During a meeting of the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly, Shusei Arakawa, an OPA member, criticized the temporary relocation of Japan Self Defense Force aircraft to Kadena Air Base during on-going construction in Naha Airport. He claimed that the temporary relocation runs counter to operational improvements needed at Kadena AB.

□ Okinawa Police arrested two U.S. Navy petty officers assigned to

Camp Shields Sunday on suspicion of larceny. The sailors were suspected of stealing a taxi in Okinawa City. They denied the charges.

□ According to the Okinawa Bank Economic Study office, the housing rent for service members and U.S. civilians working on base was three to five times higher than for Japanese citizens. The research said that the size of the dwellings and cost of equipment—such as fixed electric appliances—make the rent higher. The study also estimates that the total amount of rent paid by renters affiliated with the U.S. military reaches more than ¥3.6 billion per year.

□ Japan will dispatch Self Defense Force troops and transport helicopters to Pakistan for disaster relief in response to a request Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf made after Saturday's earthquake, the Japanese Defense Agency announced Tuesday.

18th Wing comptrollers wrap up end-of-year closeout

By 1st Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez
18th Wing Public Affairs

New computer equipment, dormitory pavilions and club renovations are just some of the quality-of-life improvements Airmen here may notice in the near future thanks to \$4.6 million in fiscal year 2005 fall-out funds.

As the fiscal year closed during the last week of September, the "fall-out" money enabled wing units to purchase previously unfunded supplies or equipment, or support unit projects.

"All year long people were anticipating that we weren't going to have much of a [financial] close out," said Lt. Col. Joel Speight, 18th Comptroller Squadron commander. "And there really was quite a healthy close out."

However, to get the money units needed to be ready.

"Even though times are tight, don't ever be caught unprepared," said Colonel Speight. "Because when the money does become available, you must be able to spend quickly."

Colonel Speight praised the 18th Contracting Squadron—key in this process—and the unit resource advisors who were "ready to spend."

"You don't spend \$4.6 million in a week without teamwork," he said.

The fallout money is part of the 18th Wing's yearly budget that went unspent for a multitude of reasons. About \$2.5 million came just from "cleaning up the accounting system once bills were actually paid," said Colonel Speight. For instance, some bills and contracts ended up costing less than originally estimated, or funds set aside for temporary duty assignments were not used due to cancellations or fewer TDY participants.

"We also tightened our belts and decided there were certain things we could do without," he said.

But even with the "belt tightening" the wing's mission needs were met—and then some.

"We were still able to support our [on-going] air expeditionary force contingency taskings and send people to the tsunami relief effort," he said.

The commander said the fallout money will positively affect many across the wing.

"Airmen will most definitely walk into their squadrons and see new computers, safety equipment—

such as boots and gloves—mobility bags, land mobile radios and just office-type equipment that people need everyday to do their jobs," Colonel Speight said.

In all, about \$1.2 million went toward quality-of-life initiatives—such as new pavilions for Dormitories 145 and 758. The rest of the money was spent for Civil Engineering projects—\$938,000; mobility equipment—\$900,000; information technology upgrades—\$876,000; miscellaneous mission supplies and equipment—\$607,000; and safety items—\$180,000.

Some Airmen from the 18th Maintenance Group will be seeing cooling fans, ice machines, new tool kits and CPR training equipment, among other things, resulting from the end-of-year spending, said Tech. Sgt. Karena Weston, 18th MXG resource advisor.

"The end-of-year spend drill increased morale and equipped maintainers with the resources they need to do their jobs successfully," she said.

"We were able to do quiet a bit," Colonel Speight said. "And it was all unexpected."

You can't win if you don't play, however, and Colonel Speight has advice to assist units next year.

- Start planning early—in the December/January time frame—when initial distribution occurs.

- Determine what requirements will not be funded with the FY 06 budget.

- Ensure requirements are known by the unit commander and resource advisor

- Establish unfunded requirement priorities

- Resource advisors should become advocates for requirements to make sure there's a vehicle in place to buy them—such as through a government purchase card, contract, etc.

- Be prepared to spend by September 2006.

These lessons paid off for the maintenance group this year, said Sergeant Weston.

"MXG has a great group of squadron resource advisors who worked extremely hard the entire fiscal year making sure items needed were executable by identifying if we could buy them and how," she said.

"Those who were ready did well this year," said Colonel Speight.

"Those who weren't ready were not able to take advantage of this opportunity."



Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell



Hispanic Heritage

DANCERS: Ballet Folklórico Quetzalcoatl performs during the Hispanic Heritage Banquet Saturday. More than 460 people attended the event.

MAKEUP: Yolanda Gallegos, a member of the Okinawa Latin American Association, applies make-up to Christy Ellisor, a pharmacy journeyman with the 18th Medical Group, before her performance.

CHIEF

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"The rest takes care of itself," he said.

Chief Kenney, who served as a first sergeant for nearly a decade, added that supervisors of all ranks should know their Airmen and maintain a close-knit relationship with them.

"The first question I ask mid-level supervisors going through the academy is whether or not they know where their Airmen live," he said.

Chief Kenney also said Airmen focused on making command chief one day should try, at least once in their career, to take a step outside their career field's realm.

"I believe my experience as a first sergeant gave me future boss at Eielson, Brig. Gen. Marke Gibson, confidence in my abilities," he explained. "Being a first sergeant for various units, ranging



Kenney

from security forces to supply, helped me better understand the Air Force as a whole."

Chief Kenney said supervisors should empower their Airmen both inside and outside the work-

place.

"Supervisors have to be willing to give their Airmen a chance to prove themselves," he said. "When I was young, my teacher told my mother I should go to a special education school because I had dyslexia, but my mother pushed me to go to regular school. She taught me that if you work hard, you will be successful."

Yokota civic leaders visit Kadena



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

Staff Sgt. Michael Mazza, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, speaks with business leaders visiting Kadena from civilian communities surrounding Yokota Air Base, Japan, during an orientation at the 18th AMDS's physiological flight. More than 20 civic leaders spoke with Kadena Airmen throughout the base to gain a better understanding of the U.S. Air Force's role in the U.S.-Japan Alliance, and in turn to help the Air Force strengthen public trust and support. The group also visited Osan Air Base, South Korea, earlier last week.



A unique approach to teambuilding

Air Force photos by Airman Sheila DeVera

Tech. Sgt. James Trammell, an Erwin NCO Academy instructor, holds up a poster board with a question testing the knowledge of Tech. Sgt. Denise Acklin, an academy student from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, during the NCO Academy's third annual Olympiad competition Oct. 6. The goal of the contest – created by instructors Master Sgt. Thomas Stiles and Tech. Sgt. Frank Graziano – is to test the students' ability to make decisions and apply skills learned in the classroom in a fun environment. More than 85 students participated in the event.



(Clockwise from above)

PLUNGER: Tech. Sgt. Timothy Tetreault, a student from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, tries to catch up with Tech. Sgt. Eric Jackson, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, on the Plunger Relay race. Students had to carry an egg in a plunger while running approximately 1-mile around the NCO Academy.



SKATEBOARDER: Tech. Sgt. William Barnett, a student from Osan Air Base, South Korea, struggles to maneuver his skateboard with a plunger without using his hands and feet to cross the finish line during the Skateboard Canoe competition.

STEPS: Master Sgt. D'Jaris Gladden (right), an NCO Academy instructor, watches as students perform reverse pushups during the competition.

RELAY: Tech. Sgt. Derich Ashford, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, cheers on his teammate, Tech. Sgt. John Hall, a student from Yokota Air Base, during the circuit relay race.



**Today**

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Live Rock music in the ballroom from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

• Flashback Friday in the lounge from 5 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Rhythm and Blues party in the ballroom from 11 p.m. to close.

• Deja vu hits from 5 to 7 p.m., Variety dance hits from 7 p.m. to close.

OFFICERS CLUB: A "tonight's special" menu that changes every week will be held in the Flame Room.

EMERY LANES: Thunder Bowl from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

KADENA MARINA: A two-tank night dive aboard the Sea Lady IV will be held. Divers need at least one of the following certifications to participate, "advanced open water diver" or "night dive specialty." Call the scuba locker to register at 634-6344.

TEEN CENTER: Power hour from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for homework and other educational activities. Earn power points and cash them in for great prizes.

Saturday

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Hip Hop to Dirty South from 10 p.m. to close in the lounge.

• Latin, Salsa and Reggae music from 10 p.m. to close in the ballroom.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Top 40 Variety music in the lounge from 7 p.m. to close.

OFFICERS CLUB: Oktoberfest from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot. Club members may bring a spouse or one guest who is not eligible to be a club member for free.

• A "tonight's special" menu that changes every week will be held in the Flame Room.

EMERY LANES: Hook up 2 bowling at 11 a.m. Third of four classes for beginning bowlers 8 and older. Graduates will receive a bowling ball, bag and certificate.

KADENA MARINA: Shift workers can still learn to scuba with daytime lessons by marina dive pros. Call the scuba locker at 634-6344 for details.

Sunday

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Game show mania and Top 40 variety music from 7 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. in the lounge. Old and new variety music from 8 p.m. to close in the lounge.

Monday

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Jukebox jams from 6 p.m. to close.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Game show night with a chance to win \$500 in the cash cube in the lounge.

• Classic to modern rock from 7 to 11 p.m.

Ocean Expo

Air Force/Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

Two manta rays and scores of other sea life swim by the main window of the Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium -- the world's largest -- at Ocean Expo Park in Motobu Town near Nago on the northern end of Okinawa. The aquarium has several sea-life based attractions, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the fall. Admission is ¥1,800 for adults, ¥1,200 for high school students and ¥600 for primary and middle school students. To get there, take Highway 58 toward Nago to Highway 449, then look for signs to Ocean Expo Park.

OFFICERS CLUB: Football frenzy begins at 7 p.m. Open to Officers Club members 20 years of age or older.

• Mexican night in the Flame Room.

• Club card drawing at 6 p.m. for a chance to win \$500 to \$1,000. Open to Officers Club members 20 and older.

TEEN CENTER: Keystone club meets at 5:30 p.m. to interact with Japanese youths at Ishimine Children's Home.

• Power hour from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for homework and other educational activities. Earn power points and cash them in for great prizes.

Tuesday

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Pool tournament at 7 p.m.

• Football frenzy from 7 p.m. to close.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Office party from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Football frenzy from 7 to 11 p.m.

OFFICERS CLUB: Twenty percent off regular menu items for Air Force club members in the Flame Room.

• Club card drawing at 6 p.m. for a chance to win \$500 to \$1,000. Open to Officers Club members 20 and older.

TEEN CENTER: Power hour from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for homework and other educational activities. Earn power points and cash them in for great prizes.

Wednesday

BANYAN TREE

CLUB: Membership night from 7 to 9 p.m. Free buffet-style dinner.

• Ladies night from 8 to 11 p.m.

• Dart tournament starts at 7 p.m. For more information on the dart league contact Staff Sgt. Joseph Hale at 634-4428 or Johnny Pyrdol at 634-0644.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. in the lounge and Ladies night from 8 p.m. to close in the lounge.

OFFICERS CLUB: New York Strip for two for \$23.95 in the Flame Room.

• Club card drawing at 6 p.m. for a chance to win \$500 to \$1,000. Open to Officers Club members 20 and older.

TEEN CENTER: Power hour from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for homework and other educational activities. Earn power points and cash them in for great prizes.

Thursday

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Reggae in the lounge from 5 to 7 p.m., Krazy Karaoke from 7 to 11 p.m.

OFFICERS CLUB: Prime Rib dinner for two for \$22.95 in the Flame Room.

• Club card drawing at 6 p.m. for a chance to win \$500 to \$1,000. Open to Officers Club members 20 and older.

KADENA MARINA: Shift workers can still learn to scuba with daytime lessons by marina dive pros. Call the scuba locker at 634-6344 for details.

TEEN CENTER: Earn extra points with a logic problem solving challenge during power hour from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

• Lights on after school event. See the front desk for more information.

Oct. 21

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Live rock

music in the ballroom from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

• Flashback Friday in the lounge from 5 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Best of 80s and 90s hits in the lounge from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

• Boss and buddy night begins at 5 p.m. in the lounge.

OFFICERS CLUB: A "tonight's special" menu that changes every week will be held in the Flame Room.

EMERY LANES: Thunder Bowl from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

KADENA MARINA: A two-tank night dive aboard the Sea Lady IV will be held. Divers need at least one of the following certifications to participate, "advanced open water diver" or "night dive specialty." Call the scuba locker to register at 634-6344.

TEEN CENTER: Power hour from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for homework and other educational activities. Earn power points and cash them in for great prizes.

Oct. 22

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Hip Hop to Dirty South from 10 p.m. to close in the lounge.

• Latin, salsa and reggae music from 10 p.m. to close in the ballroom.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Top 40 Variety dance music in the lounge from 7 p.m. to close.

OFFICERS CLUB: A "tonight's special" menu that changes every week will be held in the Flame Room.

EMERY LANES: Hook up 2 bowling at 11 a.m. Fourth of four classes for beginning bowlers 8 and older. Graduates will receive a bowling ball, bag and certificate.

• 40-frame tournament. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and bowling begins at 7 p.m.

KADENA MARINA: A free

Discover dive and Scuba review course. For details call the Scuba Locker at 634-6344.

Oct. 23

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Game show mania and Top 40 variety music from 7 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. in the lounge. Old and new variety music from 8 p.m. to close.

Oct. 24

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Jukebox jams from 6 p.m. to close.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Game show night with a chance to win \$500 in the cash cube in the lounge.

• Classic to modern rock from 7 to 11 p.m.

OFFICERS CLUB: Football frenzy begins at 7 p.m. Open to Officers Club members 20 years of age or older.

• Catfish night in the Flame Room.

• Club card drawing at 6 p.m. for a chance to win \$500 to \$1,000. Open to Officers Club members 20 and older.

M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

* First Run shows are marked by an asterisk.

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Today.....Valiant, G, 6 p.m.
Four Brothers, R, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday...Valiant, G, noon
Four Brothers, R, 4 p.m.
Four Brothers, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday.....Valiant, G, noon
Four Brothers, R, 4 p.m.
Four Brothers, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday.....Valiant, G, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday.....Four Brothers, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday...Valiant, G, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday...Four Brothers, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Oct. 21.....*Flight Plan, PG-13, 6 p.m.
Skeleton Key, PG-13, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Oct. 22.....Undiscovered, PG-13, noon
*Flight Plan, PG-13, 4 p.m.
Skeleton Key, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Oct. 23.....Undiscovered, PG-13, noon
*Flight Plan, PG-13, 4 p.m.
Skeleton Key, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Oct. 24.....Undiscovered, PG-13, 7 p.m.

C H A P E L**Catholic**

- ▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m.
Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ Hindu services: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219



Alton Hufstetler, 31st Rescue Squadron, hits one of his 15 home runs during the Kadena Klassic held over Columbus Day weekend at the Four Diamonds softball fields. Alton was named most valuable player and home run champion for the tournament. Photos by Staff Sgt. Mark DeRemer

Kadena hosts Klassic softball contest

Okinawa teams win men's, women's categories of PACAF tournament

By Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell
18th Wing Public Affairs



HIT AND RUN: Misty DeRemer, 18th Communications Squadron, prepares to hit the ball for her team First Command. First Command finished second place after losing 2-1 against the Kadena womens' Falcons. DeRemer also took home the trophy for best throwing accuracy.

OUT: Billy Allbright (left), a member of Yokota's team, is tagged out by Kurt Tom, 18th Munitions Squadron, from the Yellow Box team. Yokota lost 29-2 to Yellow Box during the championship game.



Last year's defending champions, Okinawa Yellow Box, not only stepped up to the plate, but launched 55 home runs to successfully defend their title in the three-day Kadena Klassic softball tournament last weekend.

Despite the team's captain, Dexter High – the Air Force's 2004 Athlete of the Year – being deployed, the Yellow Box completed the weekend undefeated with a 9-0 record and a team batting average of .585.

John O'Brien, the Okinawa Yellow Box coach from Camp Hansen, said, "The team went in hoping to win, but also to have fun."

The team did both with a three-day record of 9-0.

The 13th annual tournament pitted 16 teams throughout Pacific Air Forces against each other for a chance to win the Kadena Klassic title.

In the end, the Okinawa Yellow Box took home the men's team trophy while the women's Kadena Falcons took home the women's top trophy.

Trophies were also awarded to the players with the highest batting average, best throwing accuracy and speed, most home runs, and most valuable player.

Alton Hufstetler, 31st Rescue Squadron, won two of the three individual titles for the men – the most home runs, with 15, and most valuable player.

"These trophies are not mine, but the team's," Hufstetler said after receiving his awards.

The women's final game was very close. The Kadena women Falcons won by only one run – 2-1 – over the local First Command team.

Co-ed Softball Standings

TEAM	W	L
18 SVS.....	3	0
DoDDS (A).....	3	0
DoDDS (C).....	2	0
DoDDS (B).....	2	0
18 CS.....	2	0
961 AACS.....	2	1
554 RHS.....	1	1
18 AMXS.....	1	1
SCP.....	1	1
18 LRS (B).....	1	2
18 CPTS.....	1	2
18 CMS.....	0	2
18 AES.....	0	3
733 AMS.....	0	3
353 MXS.....	0	3

Standings current as of Oct. 5

Flag Football Standings

DIVISION 1	W	L
18 CS.....	3	0
18 CES (A).....	2	1
18 EMS.....	2	1
353 MXS.....	2	1
18 CMS.....	1	2
18 AES.....	1	2
18 MOS.....	0	3
DIVISION 2		
18 LRS.....	3	0
733 AMS.....	3	0
18 CES (B).....	2	0
961 AACS.....	2	1
18 OSS.....	1	1
82 RS.....	1	2
353 OSS.....	0	2
18 SVS.....	0	3
18 AMDS.....	0	3

Standings current as of Oct. 5